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SUBJECT: TURKISH WITHDRAWAL FROM WINTEX 75 EXERCISE

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1. AT RESTRICTED DPC MEETING FEBRUARY 25 (AMBASSADORS ONLY),
ERALP (TURKEY) ANNOUNCED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT TURKEY HAD
DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX 75. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY CONSIDERED THAT THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH
GREECE HAS CREATED IN DENYING AEGEAN SEA AND AIR SPACE TO THE
ALLIES MAKES WINTEX 75 MEANINGLESS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL
SECURITY OF HIS COUNTRY.

2. MENZIES (CANADA) NOTED THAT WINTEX 75 IS ONLY A CPX AND DOES
NOT INVOLVE THE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY FORCES. HE INQUIRED WHETHER
THE DECISION OF THE GOT WAS POSSIBLY CAUSED BY THE INTERRUPTION
OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS LINES PASSING THROUGH GREECE.
ERALP RESPONDED THAT ANKARA NOW FACES INCREASINGLY
SERIOUS SECURITY SITUATION SINCE ATHENS IMPOSED A BAN ON ALL
FLIGHTS THROUGH AEGIAN AIR SPACE IN AUGUST 1974. IN THE VIEW
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OF BOTH TURKISH MILITARY AND POLITICAL AUTHORITIES, THERE EXISTS
NO EFFECTIVE DEFENSE ALONG THE TURKISH COAST BORDERING ON
THE AEGIAN; AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK OF ORGANIZING A
DEFENSE WHEN SURFACE AND AIR UNITS OF THE SIXTH FLEET ARE DENIED

ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE AEGEAN. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE FRG HAS MADE SEVERAL FUTILE ATTEMPTS TO REOPEN THE SALANICA ISTANBUL AIR CORRIDOR FOR THE FLIGHT OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN THE SACEUR, GENERAL HAIG, VISITS ANKARA ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, HIS AIRCRAFT WILL ALSO BE OBLIGED TO MAKE A VERY LONG DETOUR.

3. PANSA THEREUPON GAVE SYNOPSIS REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GENERAL SANCAR OF THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF AND SACEUR (USNATO 0999)NOTAL). HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GENERAL HAIG HAS RESPONDED TO THE FEBRUARY 23 MESSAGE FROM THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF AND HAD INDICATED HIS PERSONAL HOPE THAT DURING HIS MARCH 3 ANKARA VISIT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK OUT THE EXISTING DIFFICULTIES. PANSA ALSO ASSURED THE PERMREPS THAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS WAS ALREADY FULLY APPRISED OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. LT GEN SCHMUCKLE (DIRECTOR OF IMS REPRESENTING CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY COMMITTEE) ADDED THAT ALL MESSAGE TRAFFIC HAVING TO DO WITH WINTEX 75 IS STILL BEING SENT TO ANKARA. ERALP SAID THAT TURKISH MILITARY OFFICERS ON DUTY WITH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

AND SHAPE ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP THEMSELVES ABREAST OF THE EXERCISE AS IT DEVELOPS. HE THEN VENTURED THE PERSONAL HOPE THAT GENERAL HAIG WOULD BE ABLE TO WORK MATTERS OUT IN SATISFACTORY FASHION WITH GENERAL SANCAR.

4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS FROM PECK (UK) SCHMUCKLE EXPLAINED THAT THE CPX IS ONLY INTENDED TO EXERCISE PROCEDURES IN MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND IN ALLIED CAPITALS. HE SAID THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE THE AUTHORITIES IN GREECE ARE ALLOWING ALLIED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THAT COUNTRY TO FUNCTION NORMALLY

DURING THE WINTEX 75 EXERCISE.

5. AT THE INITIATIVE OF KRAPF (FRG), SUPPORTED BY ALL PERMREPS, ERALP AGREED TO CONVEY TO HIS AUTHORITIES THE UNANIMOUS REGRET OF THE ALLIES THAT THE GOT HAD TAKEN THIS DECISION AND THE HOPE THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO
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PARTICIPATE IN WINTEX 75 AS SOON AS THE OUTSTANDING DIFFICULTIES WERE RESOLVED.
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